

NEWS RELEASE

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OPEN HOUSES TO DISCUSS PROPOSED CHANGE
IN MINING REGULATIONS

The Utah Division of Oil, Gas and Mining will hold a series of public open houses to present, discuss and take comment on draft rules that regulate the inspection of mining operations, enforcement of mining rules and how small mining operations are bonded. The division is developing these rules because of recent legislative changes to the mining statute.

“We’re seeking constructive input and feedback before the proposed rules are presented to the Utah Board of Oil, Gas and Mining for approval,” said Mary Ann Wright, associate director for mining. “We encourage all interested parties to attend and gain an understanding of the proposed rules.”

All meetings will begin at 7:30 p.m. and last about one hour. Draft Inspection and Enforcement rules may be viewed by looking at the Quick Reference on the Division of Oil, Gas and Mining web page at www.ogm.utah.gov. Additional information regarding the meetings can also be obtained by calling the division at 801-538-5304.

The meetings are scheduled on the following dates and at the locations noted:

Tuesday, July 29
Department of Natural Resources
Auditorium
1594 West North Temple
Salt Lake City, Utah

Thursday, August 7
Grand County Courthouse
125 East Center Street
Moab, Utah

Tuesday, August 5
Cedar City Corporation
10 North Main Street
Cedar City, Utah

Thursday, August 14
Vernal City Offices
447 East Main
Vernal, Utah

Wednesday, August 6
Administration Building
250 North Main Street
Richfield, Utah

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